

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend the claims as shown in the following listing of claims:

1. (Currently amended) A laryngoscope comprising a blade; a deployable mirror, the mirror being pivotable with respect to the blade; and an operating mechanism, the operating mechanism being operatively associated with the mirror for the deployment thereof, wherein the operating mechanism is spring biased to adopt a rest state in which the mirror adopts a non-deployed state, the association of the operating mechanism and the mirror being such that an initial operation of the operating mechanism from said rest state against said spring bias causes the mirror to be deployed, and further operation of the operating mechanism from said rest state against said spring bias causes the mirror to be pivoted with respect to the blade.

2. (Original) A laryngoscope as claimed in claim 1, wherein the mirror is pivotably mounted on a deployment assembly, the deployment assembly being pivotably mounted on the blade, the arrangement being such that said initial operation of the operating mechanism causes the deployment assembly to be pivoted with respect to the blade, and said further operation of the operating mechanism causes the mirror to be pivoted with respect to the deployment assembly.

3. (Original) A laryngoscope as claimed in claim 2, wherein the deployment assembly comprises a deployment arm coupled to a secondary arm so as to permit relative movement between the deployment arm and secondary arm, the mirror being coupled to both the deployment arm and the secondary arm so that relative movement thereof causes the mirror to pivot.

4. (Original) A laryngoscope as claimed in claim 3, wherein the coupling of the deployment arm and the secondary arm includes a spring assembly biased to maintain the deployment arm and the secondary arm in a first position relative to one another, the arrangement being such that, during said initial operation of the operating mechanism, the spring assembly maintains the deployment arm and the secondary arm in the first position, and that, during said further operation of the operating mechanism, a portion of the deployment arm abuts against the blade so that the action of the operating mechanism on the deployment

assembly overcomes the bias of the spring mechanism to cause relative movement of the deployment arm and the secondary arm.

5. (Original) A laryngoscope as claimed in claim 4, wherein said spring assembly comprises a pin slidably located within a slot, and a spring arranged to act on the pin to maintain the pin in the first position within the slot.

6. (Original) A laryngoscope as claimed in claim 5, wherein the slot is formed in the deployment arm and the pin is provided on the secondary arm.

7. (Original) A laryngoscope as claimed in claim 1, wherein the operating mechanism comprises a lever, the lever being pivotable with respect to the blade.

8. (Currently amended) A laryngoscope as claimed in Claim 7 3, wherein the operating mechanism comprises a lever, the lever being pivotable with respect to the blade, and wherein the lever is connected to the secondary arm by a tie.

9. (Original) A laryngoscope as claimed in claim 3, wherein the mirror is provided with a mounting bracket, the mounting bracket being pivotably mounted on the deployment arm, the secondary arm being pivotably connected to the mounting bracket eccentrically of the connection between the mounting bracket and the deployment arm.

10. (Original) A laryngoscope as claimed in claim 1, wherein the blade is curved.

11. (Original) A laryngoscope as claimed in claim 1, wherein the blade extends, during use, substantially perpendicularly from a handle.

12. (Original) A laryngoscope as claimed in claim 11, wherein the blade is detachably mountable on the handle.

13. (Original) A laryngoscope as claimed in claim 11, wherein the operating mechanism comprises a lever, the lever being pivotable with respect to the blade, wherein the lever is spring

biased in a direction generally away from the handle and wherein said initial and further operation of the lever involve movement of the lever in a direction generally towards the handle.

14. (Original) A laryngoscope as claimed in claim 1, wherein the mirror is actuatable between a non-deployed state, in which the mirror is located against or adjacent the blade, and at least one deployed state in which the mirror is spaced-apart from the blade with its reflective surface facing generally towards the blade.

15. (Original) A laryngoscope as claimed in claim 14, wherein the operating mechanism comprises a lever, the lever being pivotable with respect to the blade, wherein the lever is spring biased in a direction generally away from the handle and wherein said initial and further operation of the lever involve movement of the lever in a direction generally towards the handle, and wherein the lever is arranged to adopt a rest state in the absence of external forces, in which rest state the lever is spaced-apart from the handle, the arrangement being such that, when the lever adopts the rest state, the mirror adopts the non-deployed state, initial movement of the lever from the rest state towards the handle causing the mirror to be deployed, and further movement of the lever towards the handle causes the mirror to be pivoted.

16. (Original) A laryngoscope as claimed in claim 14, wherein a recess is formed in the blade for receiving the mirror when in the non-deployed state.

17. (Original) A laryngoscope as claimed in claim 1, wherein the blade comprises a pivotable tip, the operating mechanism being operatively associated with the tip to cause the tip to pivot with respect to the blade.

18. (Original) A laryngoscope as claimed in claim 17, wherein the operating mechanism is arranged to cause the tip to pivot during said initial operation.

19. (Original) A laryngoscope as claimed in claim 17, wherein the operating mechanism is arranged to cause the tip to pivot during said further operation.

20. (Original) A laryngoscope as claimed in claim 17, wherein the blade extends, during

use, substantially perpendicularly from a handle, and wherein during said initial or further operation of the operating mechanism, the tip is caused to pivot in a direction generally towards the handle.

21. (Original) A laryngoscope as claimed in claim 1, wherein the blade carries a light source arranged to irradiate the mirror when deployed.

22. (Currently amended) A blade for a laryngoscope, the blade comprising a deployable mirror, the mirror being pivotable with respect to the blade; and an operating mechanism, the operating mechanism being operatively associated with the mirror for the deployment thereof, wherein the operating mechanism is spring biased to adopt a rest state in which the mirror adopts a non-deployed state, the association of the operating mechanism and the mirror being such that an initial operation of the operating mechanism from said rest state against said spring bias causes the mirror to be deployed, and further operation of the operating mechanism from said rest state against said spring bias causes the mirror to be pivoted with respect to the blade.

23. (New) A laryngoscope as claimed in claim 1, wherein said operating mechanism is operable between said rest state, in which said mirror adopts a non-deployed state; a first operated state, in which said mirror adopts a deployed and non-pivoted state; and a second operated state, in which said mirror adopts a deployed and pivoted state, wherein said spring bias is arranged to urge said operating mechanism from said second operated state to said rest state through said first operated state.